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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Sir:

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Document A1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A5.

Document A2 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A7.

The relevance of Documents A3-A5 and A7 is described in the present specification.

Document A6 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

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